

commune this time as we did last spring, but God's spirit was with us. Brother Summers was with us; we were glad to hear him, he always has something good to say for the cause, and may God's blessing rest on all our pastors as they try to do his work, and help the people to rally round their pastors with all the help they can give them, and pray that God may bless you in your weak efforts to do his will. Our work at Milford still goes on. The Young People's meeting is not so large, but they have the spirit of Christ at heart; that is what tells. Sister May Jones is superintendent of the Young People. May God in his good time give us more strength to do his will. Our prayer meetings are a source of great good to the souls who come to our meetings. Oh, may God's people be awake to their duty. Awake thou, that sleepest, and be about your Master's work, for the night cometh when no man can work. God bless the Brethren church, and have us love thee more and more, and get self out of the way. Our Sunday school is pretty good, but it could be better. Such good lessons we have! May we have more of that true spirit of Christ in us.

MRS. W. J. ORN.

Memorandum of the Proceedings of the Sub. Dis. Con. of S. W. Va., Held at Bethany, Roanoke Co., Va., Oct. 6, and 7.

Continued from last week

OCTOBER 7, 1:30 P. M.

Meeting opened by song, "A charge to keep I have" Prayer by the moderator. Report of the preachers from the various churches: Bethany, D. C. Moomaw; Montgomery, J. C. Lane; Floyd, W. J. Spangler; Boon's chapel, D. C. Moomaw; Bedford, A. J. Gillespie; Alleghany and Craig, J. S. Bowman; Buena Vista, J. W. Pursley; Pittsylvania, J. L. Bowman; Lunenburg, D. C. Moomaw; Pulaski, E. J. Beamer; Carven's Cove, C. Nininger. Song, "How firm a foundation."

The reports from the churches show a membership of about 450 members and 10 preachers. No further statistics presented. The percentage of increase about 15

Memorial to the district conference of Va., Md., and W. Va. Generally discussed by D. C. Moomaw, J. S. Bowman.

Resolution offered by J. S. Bowman and accepted: Resolved, that the moderator appoint a committee to send the names of all Brethren ministers of this sub-district to the Brethren Annual for 1900. Appointed on that committee, C. Nininger and B. C. Moomaw.

The courtesies of the conference were tendered to the Reverends Flarity and Ross of the M. E. church.

Memorial to the Va., Md., and W. Va. district: Be it resolved by the conference now in session at Bethany church, composed of representative members from the various churches of S. W. Va., that we apply to the general conference composed of churches of Va., Md., and W. Va. for permission to establish a separate conference district composed of the counties of Rockbridge, Amherst, Campbell, Halifax, Lunenburg and all the territory of the state lying southward and westward to the states of N. Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky. The work of building up churches in this part of Virginia is being wonderfully blest by our Lord and its success will be greatly facilitated by a division of the district of Va., Md., and W. Va. such as indicated in this memorial. Praying the Father's blessing in your behalf we subscribe ourselves your brethren,

J. W. PURSLEY, Mod.
B. C. MOOMAW, Sec.

"What is sanctification?" C. Nininger, William Spangler, regular speakers. Discussed generally by Pursley.

"What do the scriptures teach on the subject of

ordination of church officers?" D. C. Moomaw, J. S. Bowman. Song, "All hail the power of Jesus' name."

"What is the best course to pursue in conducting church meeting?" J. W. Pursley, C. Nininger, D. C. Moomaw, A. J. Gillespie. Song, "We'll work till Jesus comes."

"What is the mission of the Progressive Brethren church?" J. S. Bowman, J. W. Pursley. Moved and seconded and carried that the speech of J. S. Bowman on the subject be accepted as the sentiment of the conference. Song, "Home over there"

Synopsis of speech of J. S. Bowman on the "Mission of the Brethren church."

The establishment of the apostolic churches comprehended specific doctrinal features and in the organization of the first Tunker churches by Alex. Mack and his associates in 1708 those doctrines were incorporated and became distinctive features which continued for about one hundred years.

At that time and since, radical changes have crept in, obscuring the original doctrines and practices. Traditionary practices have been made conditions of baptism and church membership and official qualification and it is our mission to restore to the world the doctrines taught by our Lord in the New Testament and confirmed by the apostles and ancient brethren.

We the Brethren of the S. W. Va. church hereby reaffirm our belief in the doctrines of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and the command to take the whole gospel as our only rule of faith and practice, as the only condition of baptism, of baptism of believers by trine immersion for the remission of sins, of the washing of the saint's feet as a supplementary spiritual cleansing preparatory to eating and drinking the emblematic bread and wine, of the Lord's Supper or love feast, of the kiss of peace, of the commemorating of the Lord's death, and further we believe that the only grounds of expulsion from our fellowship are heresy and immorality.

Amendments, laying on of hands in baptism and anointing the sick with oil.

We commend these doctrines to the consciences of believers everywhere and especially to those of our fraternity and earnestly exhort our brethren to cultivate a fervent love for the church as a safeguard against the errors so abundantly taught thru out the world.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That we give especial praise to our Father for his bounteous blessings on our ministers and churches during the last conference year.

2. That we praise him for the preservation of our country from the calamities of war, famine and pestilence.

3. That we enter our solemn protest against the wicked league of our country with the saloon and all social drinking.

4. That we extend the thanks of the conference to the Bethany members for their hospitality in entertaining us.

5. That we pray God's blessing on you all during the next conference year.

Unanimously adopted after general discussion, in which Moomaw, Pursley, Gillespie, and Brother Flarity of the M. E. church participated.

J. W. PURSLEY, Moderator.
B. C. MOOMAW, Secretary.

REMARKS

The second conference of the Brethren churches of S. W. Va., just closed was one of surpassing loveliness in the sweetness of spirit that characterized its proceedings. Not a jarring note to disturb its harmony. The spirit of our Lord governed the entire proceedings.

The outlook for the future is favorable beyond our most ardent hopes. We expect great things of the Lord to report at the conference of 1900. The year just closed was the first in our conference existence and the report of the evangelist, Elder Bowman was very gratifying and gives assured promise of a fruitful year on which we now enter. The money to pay his expenses was raised without trouble and the new

mission board has already arranged to push their work vigorously.

Brother Bowman will be in Floyd county ere this reaches the readers of the BRETHREN EVANGELIST for a two week's revival. When we think that, only a few years ago, there were not a score of Progressives in all this district and that now we number about 450 and increasing at the rate of 15 to 25 per cent. and that soon we expect to put another revivalist in the field we feel fully justified in asking all the brotherhood to join us in singing the grand old hymn, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Brethren, pray for the work in S. W. Va.

D. C. MOOMAW.

Matrimonial

LYMAN—KEYSOR—At the residence of the bride's cousin, Brooklyn, Ia., Oct. 18, 1899, Mr. George Lyman and Miss Maude Keysor were united in holy matrimony by the writer. W. J. HANNAN.

GRAHAM—STERLING—Mr. William Graham of Pittsburg, and Miss Estella Sterling, daughter of E. W. Sterling, of Masontown, Pa., were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the home of the latter, at noon, Oct. 12, in the presence of a hundred and fifty guests. The day dawned forth with a velvety horizon, but ere noon had approached the silvery rays had separated the veil all bid fair to the marriage feast. The spacious parlor was thrown open to all. The master of arts had banked the rear of the coveted altar with the maple's spotted leaf, the fern of the forest, and the variegated colors of the gardiner's taste. At 12 the wedding train silently treaded its way to the sacred spot where the two were pronounced "no more twain but one flesh." After congratulations all marched to the spacious dining room, in which Mr. Sterling spared no pains to have all the guests comfortably seated at the same time. At 2:30 the party left for Philadelphia, Washington, and other eastern points. They will take up their abode in Bradford, Pa., where Mr. Graham is engaged in business. Mr. Graham is a man of refined taste and manly intelligence. Miss Sterling is one of Masontown's most accomplished young ladies, having graduated at California normal, taught at Dunbar and later at Masontown. She is a member of the Brethren church, was organist a number of years, and by her untiring efforts solicited funds to procure the instrument. They begin life with nearly four hundred wedding donations. We predict for them a happy future.

P. M. SWINEHART

Our Dead

HARTEL—Sister Anna Hartel nee Paterseim, was born in Lorain France (now Germany) Aug. 14, 1824, died in Eaton, Delaware Co., Ind., Oct. 13, 1899, aged 75 years, 1 month and 29 days. She came to America in 1834 and settled in Miami Co., Ohio. On Dec. 10, 1847, she was united in holy matrimony to Andrew Hartel, with whom she lived until his death, July 30, 1899. She was the mother of six children, one son and five daughters, two of whom have preceded her to the spirit world. Early in life she was received into fellowship of the German Reformed church. In later years she identified herself with the Brethren church. She lived an exemplary life and bore her suffering with Christian fortitude and died in the triumph of a living faith, the hope of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

JEFFERSON—Omer Jefferson was born in Henry Co., Ohio, Oct. 21, 1880, died Oct. 6, 1899, aged 18 years, 11 months, and 15 days. This young man was taken ill with inflammatory rheumatism July 24, 1899, and since Sept. 5, was entirely helpless. He was a very bright young man and of good character. He was very eager to secure a good education and had made great progress in that direction, but "He who works all things after the council of his own will," has bid him cease from his labor. Let us hope only to begin them anew in a higher realm than this.

L. W. DITCH.